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Fact Sheet - Changes to Optometry Practice Act Effective January 1, 2005

The Board of Optometry sponsored legislation (Assembly Bill 2464, Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 426, Statutes of 2004) which, among other things, eliminates the requirement for TPA certified optometrists to obtain a minimum number of hours in continuing education (CE) subcategories. The bill also requires that optometrists provide a receipts when lenses are sold. AB 2464 was signed law and becomes effective on January 1, 2005.

New CE Requirements

Effective January 1, 2005, TPA certified optometrists must to obtain 35 hours of CE in the diagnosis, treatment and management of ocular disease **in any combination** of the following areas:

- glaucoma,
- ocular infection,
- ocular inflammation,
- topical steroids,
- systemic medication, or
- pain medication.

New Receipt Requirements

AB 2464 amends Business and Professions Code Section 3076 to read:

A licensed optometrist shall deliver to each patient fitted or supplied with lenses a receipt that contains his or her signature and all of the following information:

- (a) His or her place of practice.
- (b) The number of his or her license.
- (c) A specification of the lenses furnished, in accordance with prescription release laws.
- (d) The amount charged for them.